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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TRONE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 20, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID J. TRONE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Dr. Haywood A. Robinson, III, The People's Community Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, the source, sustainer, and supplier of everything pertaining to life, it is to You that we come this morning. Before You, Who, from nothing, created soil, seas, and skies, and Who established galaxies, groves, and governments, we come. We approach You with gratitude, mindful that as a Nation we have enjoyed Your providential presence, protection, power, and prosperity. And, for all of our individual and corporate wrongs, we repent and appeal to You for Your mercy.

On behalf of the people of this land, Your appointed men and women assemble at this hour. We are keenly aware of the significance of the season in which this session convenes. In this season marked by darkness, we need Your light; marked by hatred, we need Your love; by disease, we need Your healing; by death, we need Your comfort; by despair, we need Your hope; by injustice, we need Your justice; and by lawlessness, Lord, we need Your grace. Grant these leaders the discernment to recognize Your will and the discipline to follow it.

As a melting pot of cultures, languages, ideologies, and faith traditions, help us to coexist in unity while celebrating diversity. Guard and govern us such that our plurality leads, not to our peril, but to our promise and progress.

Shape the atmosphere for us today to be one that is ripe for robust yet respectful discussion, debate, and decision making, resulting in legislation that promotes and protects the worth and welfare of each person in our great Nation, and by extension all people throughout the world, both now and for generations to come.

In Jesus' name.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 23, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-5469. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Removal of Control of Emissions from Manufacture of Polystyrene Resin [EPA-R07-OAR-2020-0331; FRL-10014-46-Region 7] received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5470. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Afidopyropen; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0416 and EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0101; FRL-10003-93] received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5471. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Methyl Bromide; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0447; FRL-10014-31] received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5472. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Aspergillus flavus NRRL 21882; Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0692; FRL-10014-38] received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5473. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; ID; 2015

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Ozone NAAQS Interstate Transport Requirements [EPA-R10-OAR-2018-0824; FRL-10014-79-Region 10] received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5474. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards Second Maintenance Plan for the Franklin County Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2020-0268; FRL-10015-02-Region 3] received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5475. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Removal of Control of Emissions From Polyethylene Bag Sealing Operations [EPA-R07-OAR-2020-0356; FRL-10015-03-Region 7] received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5476. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Massachusetts; Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 2008 and 2015 Ozone Standards [EPA-R01-OAR-2019-0220; FRL-10015-04-Region 1] received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5477. A letter from the President, transmitting notification of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116—160); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-5478. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5479. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Temporary Waiver of Notarization Requirement for Spousal Consent; Withdrawal of Interim Rule received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5480. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Hardship Withdrawals for Expenses Related to Natural Disasters received September 30, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5481. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting three (3) notifications of a federal vacancy and designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5482. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Child Welfare Outcomes 2018: Re-

port to Congress, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 679b(a)(5); Public Law 105-89, Sec. 203(a); (111 Stat. 2127); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. MCCARTHY (for himself, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. BANKS, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. STEWART, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. BARR, and Ms. CHENEY):

H.R. 12. A bill to enact a comprehensive legislative response to the threats posed by the Chinese Communist Party to the United States of America and to freedom, democracy, and human rights around the world; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Financial Services, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, Education and Labor, the Budget, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Transportation and Infrastructure, Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Small Business, and Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BARRAGAN (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. SIRE, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SOTO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. NADLER, Ms. MOORE, Ms. HOULAHAN, and Mr. SUOZZI):

H.R. 8626. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a grant program to improve the energy resilience, energy democracy, and security of communities, prioritizing environmental justice communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:

H.R. 8627. A bill to express the sense of Congress that the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall be the primary representative of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Chesapeake Bay, to require the Secretary of the Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to provide grants supporting research on the conservation, restoration, or management of oysters in estuarine ecosystems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mrs. WAGNER):

H.R. 8628. A bill to support the establishment of small business development centers internationally and promote international commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. BEYER, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 8629. A bill to require employee consent for any deferral of payroll taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COOK:

H.R. 8630. A bill to amend the National Forest Organization Camp Fee Improvement Act of 2003 to modify the calculation of land use fees in counties with less than two percent farm land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOLDEN (for himself and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 8631. A bill to establish competitive grant programs to incentivize the safe and responsible storage of firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. CASE, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 8632. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to provide for ocean-based climate solutions to reduce carbon emissions and global warming; to make coastal communities more resilient; and to provide for the conservation and restoration of ocean and coastal habitats, biodiversity, and marine mammal and fish populations; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, House Administration, Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Ms. SHERRILL):

H.R. 8633. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of the National Center for Alternatives to Animals in Research and Testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma:

H.R. 8634. A bill to improve United States cybersecurity through STEM scholarships, prize competitions, and other STEM activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEVIN of California (for himself, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 8635. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to create a national zero-emission vehicle standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.